

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application to renew National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit NV0020150 from the following Applicant:

Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility  
Cities of Reno and Sparks  
P.O. Box 857  
Sparks, Nevada 89432

The Applicant proposes to continue to discharge treated domestic and industrial wastewater from the Cities of Reno and Sparks and portions of Washoe County to the Truckee River via Steamboat Creek at a maximum rate of 51.2 million gallons per day (MGD). The treatment plant has a design capacity 44.0 MGD and will be expanded to a design capacity of 51.2 MGD during the term of the proposed permit. The plant removes solids, degrades biological compounds, reduces nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), and disinfects the effluent prior to discharge. Reuse of the treated effluent and biosolids from this facility are permitted separately. Monitoring will continue to be required to ensure that the water in the Truckee River is not degraded by this discharge. The proposed permit will cover a five (5) year period.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to reissue the permit to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
333 West Nye Lane  
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

All comments or objections received within thirty (30) days, by 5:00 P.M. March 7, 2003, will be considered in the formulation of final determination regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Bruce Holmgren of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9423, or at [bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov). The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684.